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Attached are two sketches with a legend for each pinpointing the locations of Rumanian and Soviet installations in the port area of Constanta.

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Rumanian Installations in Constanta (see sketch on page 5).

1. Rumanian Army artillery area. This area was on the top of a cliff, just outside of the Constanta port area. It was approximately 800 m in length and was guarded by Rumanian Army personnel. Rumanian civilians were not allowed to enter the area. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] artillery firing at towed targets approximately two kilometers off shore. At that time [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] three artillery pieces on the naval quay (Point 21) and gun flashes coming from the restricted area. [redacted]
[redacted] the small artillery pieces on the quay and the pieces located within the restricted area were unable to hit the towed targets during the two-hour firing period.
2. Artillery barracks. This was one single-story wooden barracks building which [redacted] was used for offices and for the quarters of Rumanian Army artillery personnel. [redacted] 25X1
3. [redacted] three to four two-wheeled antiaircraft artillery pieces within a 200-meter-long area, east of the artillery barracks on the cliffs facing east to the Black Sea (Point 10). [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the guns to be from 75 mm to 85 mm in bore diameter.
4. A military hospital [redacted] it
5. was common knowledge among the local population that this installation was a military hospital. [redacted] 25X1
9. A border guard caserne which consisted of a one-story wooden building enclosed by a fence. This building was used for offices and also for quarters for approximately 100 border guard EM. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] there were about 25 officers and 150 EM of the border guard stationed in the Constanta port area. [redacted]
[redacted] this building also housed the offices of security troop (securitate) personnel who worked within the border guard organization. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] approving requests for port passes was one of the primary duties of the border guard officers in this building. [redacted]
10. Gara Maritima, a three-story cement building in the Constanta port area whose dimensions were 100 x 40 x 25 m. It contained the offices for the Rumanian Transport Agency (ROMTRANS) which was in charge of loading and unloading marine cargoes, SOVROMTRANSPORT, the harbor master, the harbor pilots, customs officials, and civilian police officials. SOVROMTRANSPORT also maintained a radio station on the premises. [redacted] 25X1
[redacted] the building was utilized by approximately 200 persons. Gara Maritima also housed the offices of the Rumanian Security forces who were responsible for security within the port area. The Rumanian border guard also maintained offices in Gara Maritima. It was their responsibility to search all vessels and to check the ships' and personnel documents.
11. Living quarters for border guard officers. This building was a two-story, stucco, red gabled-roof building, 20 x 20 m. Border guard soldiers always guarded this building and whenever a high-level border guard officer visited Constanta, he was always brought to this building.

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12. Security forces caserne, a three-story gray stone building which contained a prison, offices, and quarters for security guard personnel as well as the only radio station, operated by the security forces, in Constanta. The area was surrounded by a concrete wall three meters high. The radio station's mast was located across the street. The local population was not allowed to walk in front of the caserne during the day or at night. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
13. [redacted]
14. Barracks for the labor troops. These barracks consisted of four one-story wooden buildings. [redacted] these labor troops were used to do construction work and to load and unload government freight in Constanta. [redacted] 25X1 25X1 25X1
15. Barracks area of the labor troops. This area was used by the labor troops who worked in the port area of Constanta. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
16. Headquarters of the harbor police. This building had one-story and measured 20 x 20 m. It contained the offices and alert rooms of the harbor police. The headquarters was responsible for the security of the port area and for approving any applications for port passes. [redacted] 25X1
17. Headquarters of the civil police and a radio station. This building was a three-story stone structure. [redacted] this headquarters controlled all civilian police activities within the Constanta area. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
18. An apartment building which belonged to SOVRONTRANSPORT and which was completed in 1952. It had five floors and was built of stucco. Its dimensions were 150 x 80 x 40 m. This building was used as living quarters for the employees and the Soviet director of SOVRONTRANSPORT. The building was the most prominent building in Constanta with the exception of the Casino.
19. An unknown underground construction project, heavily-guarded, and fenced off from public view. Construction began in 1951 and was completed in 1953. At that time, the guards were removed and access for trucks was restored. Shortly afterward, a civilian truck drove across this area and broke through the ground with its rear wheels. Romanian Army soldiers arrived immediately and the entire area was fenced off again from the public until the repairs were completed. [redacted] 25X1 25X1
20. An underground air raid shelter, completed in 1954, which measured 250 x 75 m. During the construction of the shelter, vast quantities of cement were used. The local population felt that this shelter could hold about 5,000 persons and that it was strong enough to protect them from atomic bombs; however, most persons did not believe that this shelter would be available to them in the event of hostilities. Instead, they were of the opinion that it would be used by the Soviets. [redacted]

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21. The naval quay which had always been used by the Rumanian Navy for berthing naval vessels in the port of Constanta. The largest ships in the harbor were cruisers. 25X1
22. A Rumanian Navy signalling station was located in the building at the former Royal Pavilion on the naval quay. The Rumanian Navy had established this signalling station for its own signalling needs. Even though this station was equipped with an Adsic (light) signalling device, merchant vessels which entered the port were not allowed to use Adsic signalling but, instead, had to communicate by radio.
23. Rumanian Navy headquarters, a four-story building. 20 x 15 x 30 m. which was guarded by naval sentries. 25X1
the civilian population was allowed to walk in front of this building at night. 25X1
24. A Rumanian Navy school which taught navigation and radio communication to naval seamen and cadets. 25X1
this school had been established by the Rumanian Navy.
25. A Rumanian Navy radio station. 25X1
this radio station was located here;
26. Naval radio repair shop. spare parts for radio transmitter from the SOVROM-TRANSPORT Radio Section. had been procured from a naval radio repair shop. 25X1
the Rumanian Navy had established a naval radio repair shop in the area

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Rumanian Installations in CONSTANTIA.

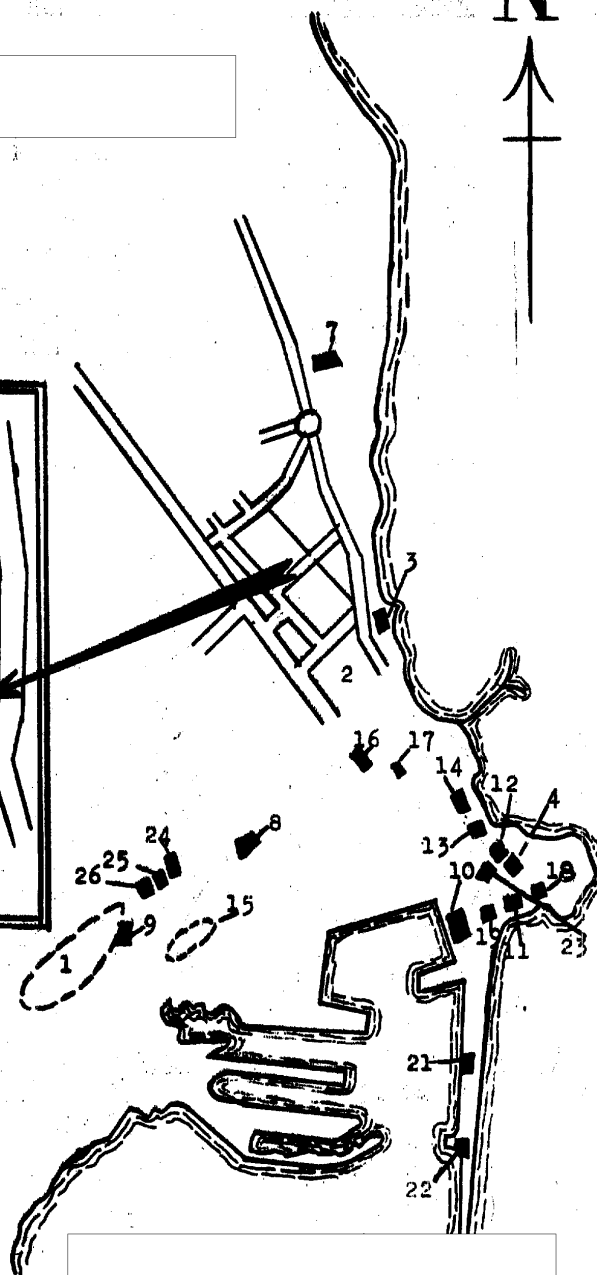
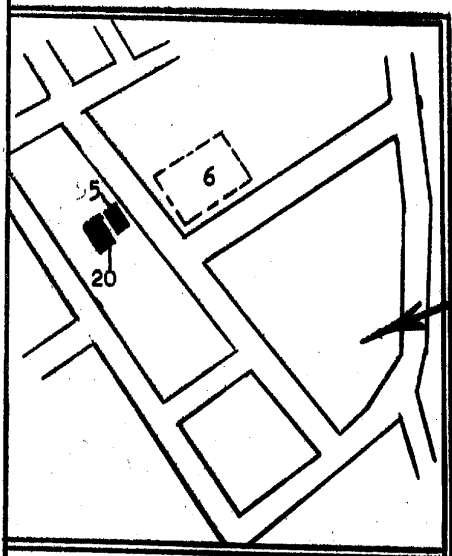
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Soviet Military and Civilian Installations in Constanta (see sketch on page 7)

1. A military hospital, formerly the Rumanian Military Hospital (Spital-ul Militar). The entire area, with the exception of one building on the square, was surrounded by a three-meter-high wooden fence and guarded by Soviet Army EM. The hospital was staffed by Soviet medical officer personnel who wore Soviet Army-type uniforms with shoulder boards with a silver background, purple stripes, and purple piping.¹
 2. Officers' Quarters, a three-story, white stucco building. [redacted] it was also used as dependent quarters. [redacted] 25X1
 3. An army (?) POL storage area, approximately 30 x 50 m. The area was enclosed by a double row of three-meter-high barbed-wire fence. Inside the area there were four gasoline trucks, type unknown, each of which had a 1,500 lit. capacity. 25X1
 4. An unidentified army caserne.
 5. An unidentified army caserne.
 6. An unidentified army caserne. [redacted] EM training in the vicinity of these casernes. Pedestrians were not allowed to walk in front of these casernes. 25X1
 7. Naval (?) patrol boat station, with an area of approximately 20 x 50 m. This area was located at the dock formerly used by Salvmar (Salvage Maritime). The area was surrounded by a three-meter-high, chicken-wire fence and was guarded by a sentry in a naval-type uniform; the sentry was armed with a rifle. This area contained one brick building which was utilized for offices, quarters, and supply storage.
 8. Gara Maritima which contained the offices of INFLOT, the Soviet directorate of SOVROMTRANSPORT, and the SOVROMTRANSPORT radio station. (See page 2, Point 10, for further details of this building.)
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1. [redacted] Comment [redacted] the stripes and piping on this uniform were purple and not crimson. [redacted] 25X1

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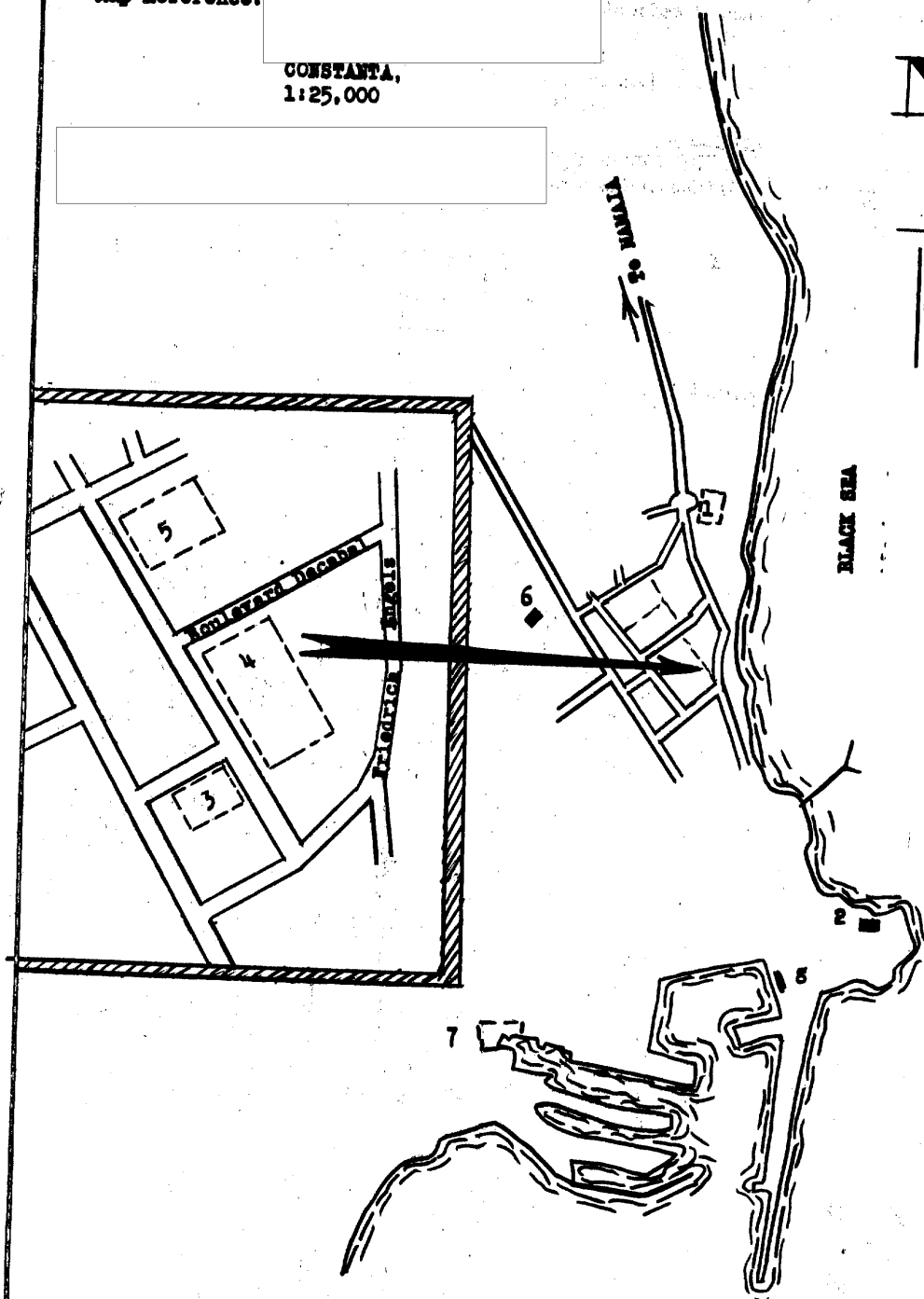
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